

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| Applicant:  | OTTOBONI <i>et al.</i>  | Docket No:        | 375430-002T1D1C1 (355479)    |
| Serial No.: | 10/690,045  | Confirmation No.: | 3501                         |
| Filed:      | October 20, 2003  | Group Art Unit:   | 1617                         |
| For:        | MICROPARTICLES USEFUL AS<br>ULTRASONIC CONTRAST AGENTS<br>AND FOR DELIVERY OF DRUGS<br>INTO THE BLOODSTREAM | Examiner:         | Umamaheswari<br>RAMACHANDRAN |

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)

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Sir :

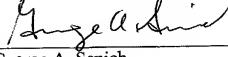
Pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), Applicant requests an additional period of:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> One (1) month (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1))               | <input type="checkbox"/> \$120 large entity   | <input type="checkbox"/> \$60 small entity             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Two (2) months (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(2))              | <input type="checkbox"/> \$460 large entity   | <input type="checkbox"/> \$230 small entity            |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Three (3) months (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3)) | <input type="checkbox"/> \$1,050 large entity | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$525 small entity |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Four (4) months (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(4))             | <input type="checkbox"/> \$1,640 large entity | <input type="checkbox"/> \$820 small entity            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Five (5) months (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(5))             | <input type="checkbox"/> \$2,230 large entity | <input type="checkbox"/> \$1,115 small entity          |

to respond to the final Office Action mailed August 27, 2007 in the above-captioned application, thereby extending the period for response to and including February 27, 2008. The Director is authorized to charge the required fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) of \$525 to Dechert LLP Deposit Account 50-2778 (Order No. 375430-002T1D1C1 (355479)). The Director is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment, to this same deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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